

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

JANUARY 9, 1863.

Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

JANUARY 14, 1863.

Reported back without amendment, ordered to be printed, and recommitted to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. MAYNARD, on leave, introduced the following bill:

A BILL

To provide for holding special terms of the circuit and district courts in certain cases.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 That whenever it shall be found impracticable by reason of
4 armed hostilities to hold any term of any of the circuit or
5 district courts in any district of the United States at the time
6 or place designated by law, it shall be lawful for the judge
7 of such court to appoint a term, to be holden at such a time
8 and at such a place in any portion of the same district as, in
9 his discretion, will best facilitate the transactions of the busi-
10 ness of the court, to which term so holden all process shall be
11 made returnable, and all pleas, recognizances, and other pro-

12 ceedings shall be adjourned; and all the acts of the court so
13 holden shall be as valid and obligatory as if the term had
14 been holden at the time and place designated by law.

1 SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That, in the absence
2 of a marshal or district attorney in any district, however such
3 absence may be occasioned, it shall be lawful for the judge
4 of the circuit in which such district may be situated to appoint
5 a person to discharge the duties of such office during the said
6 absence.